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Cut of Veneer Logs Increases in Minnesota, Decreases in Wisconsin and Michigan, 1954

A survey of veneer log production recently completed by the Station shows total production in the Lake States amounted to 72 million board feet in 1954. Of the total, about 63 percent was cut for standard veneer plants while the remaining 37 percent was channeled to plants producing container veneers for boxes, baskets, and crates. Michigan cut about 48 percent of the regional total, Wisconsin 38 percent, and Minnesota 14 percent. In recent years veneer log production in Minnesota has steadily increased from about 2½ million board feet in 1946 to nearly 10½ million in 1954. Most of the additional cut has been shipped to Wisconsin veneer mills. Conversely, the cut in Michigan decreased from 79 million board feet in 1946 to 34½ million in 1954. The decrease in Wisconsin has been more moderate, dropping from about 30 million to 27 million board feet.

Imports of veneer logs from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and western states amounted to about 3½ million board feet; over 8½ million feet came from Canada. The total quantity imported was about the same as in 1952 but was more than twice the amount imported in 1946.

Approximately one-half million board feet of Lake States veneer logs were shipped to other states in 1954. Exports have remained relatively stable during the past several years.

Veneer Logs Cut and Imported in the Lake States - 1954

(M board feet International ¼-inch rule)

Species and destination	Logs cut by states 1/				Imports			Total receipts
	Minn.	Wis.	Mich.	Region	Other U.S. 2/	Canada	Total	
White pine	13	39	311	363	137	43	180	543
Minn. mills	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Wis. "	6	39	72	117	-	7	7	124
Mich. "	-	-	239	239	137	36	173	412
Maple	1,097	7,780	12,055	20,932	801	812	1,613	22,408
Minn. mills	38	-	-	38	-	-	-	38
Wis. "	1,059	7,780	7,184	16,023	801	643	1,444	17,467
Mich. "	-	-	4,734	4,734	-	169	169	4,903
Exported 3/	-	-	137	137	-	-	-	-

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Birch	823	4,198	12,307	17,328	14	7,675	7,689	25,017
Minn. mills	271	-	-	271	-	-	-	271
Wis. "	457	4,198	5,686	10,341	14	5,507	5,521	15,862
Mich. "	95	-	6,621	6,716	-	2,168	2,168	8,884
Basswood	3,264	3,813	2,131	9,208	1,035	-	1,035	10,243
Minn. mills	1,088	-	-	1,088	-	-	-	1,088
Wis. "	2,088	3,813	957	6,858	1,035	-	1,035	7,893
Mich. "	88	-	1,174	1,262	-	-	-	1,262
Elm	1,493	6,490	2,519	10,502	415	1	416	10,909
Minn. mills	409	-	-	409	-	-	-	409
Wis. "	1,084	6,490	426	8,000	415	-	415	8,415
Mich. "	-	-	2,084	2,084	-	1	1	2,085
Exported 3/	-	-	9	9	-	-	-	-
Beech	-	92	3,135	3,227	-	-	-	3,227
Minn. mills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wis. "	-	92	822	914	-	-	-	914
Mich. "	-	-	2,313	2,313	-	-	-	2,313
Oak	1,189	3,554	740	5,483	1,010	104	1,114	6,497
Minn. mills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wis. "	1,189	2,972	265	4,426	1,010	104	1,114	5,540
Mich. "	-	582	375	957	-	-	-	957
Exported 3/	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-
Aspen	54	98	142	294	-	-	-	294
Minn. mills	36	-	-	36	-	-	-	36
Wis. "	18	98	-	116	-	-	-	116
Mich. "	-	-	142	142	-	-	-	142
Cottonwood	2,221	297	171	2,689	-	-	-	2,689
Minn. mills	249	-	-	249	-	-	-	249
Wis. "	1,972	297	-	2,269	-	-	-	2,269
Mich. "	-	-	171	171	-	-	-	171
Ash	150	392	258	800	11	-	11	811
Minn. mills	116	-	-	116	-	-	-	116
Wis. "	34	392	125	551	11	-	11	562
Mich. "	-	-	133	133	-	-	-	133
Other 4/	85	356	730	1,171	-	-	-	1,021
Minn. mills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wis. "	55	356	-	411	-	-	-	411
Mich. "	-	-	610	610	-	-	-	610
Exported 3/	30	-	120	150	-	-	-	-
All Species	10,389	27,109	34,499	71,997	3,423	8,635	12,058	83,659
Minn. mills	2,214	-	-	2,214	-	-	-	2,214
Wis. "	7,962	26,527	15,537	50,026	3,286	6,261	9,547	59,573
Mich. "	183	582	18,596	19,361	137	2,374	2,511	21,872
Exported 3/	30	-	366	396	-	-	-	-

1/ Vertical columns of figures represent the volume of veneer logs cut in each state.

2/ Logs from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and western states.

3/ Logs produced in region and shipped to mills outside Lake States.

4/ Yellow poplar, sycamore, walnut, butternut, hemlock, etc.